

LTL2000S / SQ RETROREFLECTOMETER

Manual



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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

Introduction

This manual covers both LTL2000S and LTL2000SQ. Some functions will only be available on LTL2000SQ and will be printed in blue colour.

The LTL2000S is a portable field instrument, intended for measuring the reflection properties of road markings “RI” as seen in the vehicle headlight illumination.

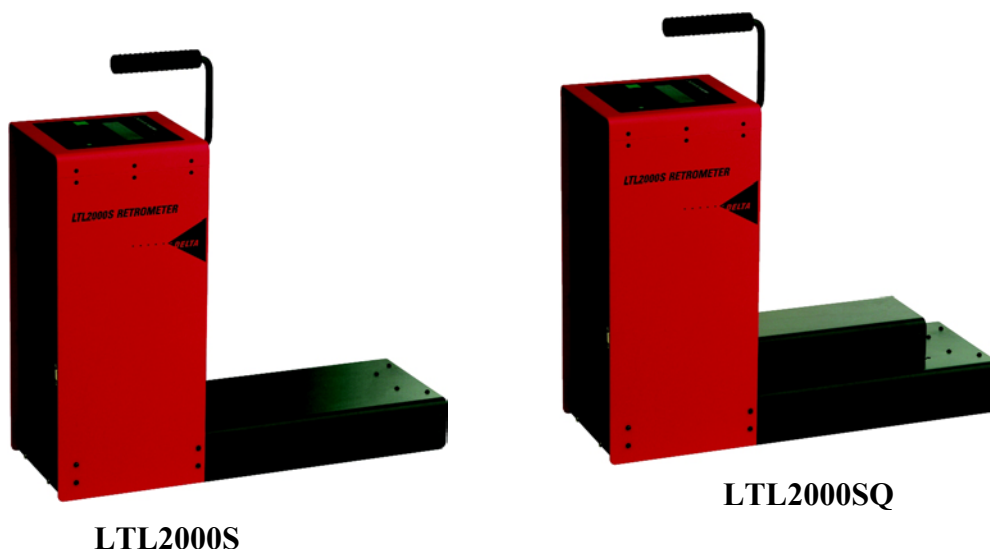
To measure the RI properties (coefficient of retro reflected luminance) the road is illuminated at an angle of 1.24 deg. and the reflected light is measured at an angle of 2.29 deg.

The LTL2000SQ is intended for measuring both “RI” and the lightness of road surfaces and road markings “Qd” as seen under daylight conditions or with stationary lighting.

To measure the Qd properties (the luminance coefficient under diffuse illumination) the road is illuminated with a diffuse source and the reflected light is again measured at an angle of 2.29 deg.

An observation angle of 2.29 deg corresponds to an observational distance of 30 metre, thus relevant for a motorist viewing situation under normal driving conditions.

RI and Qd is important factors in the **ON-SITE** quality control of road markings.



The operation of the instrument is very simple and requires a minimum of instruction. An error message or warning is given in case of unreliable or erroneous measurement.

The LTL2000S(Q) measures the RI and Qd values according to international agreements. Results are presented in plain English on a LCD display. The built-in printer and non-volatile memory provides on site registration of measurements with corresponding date and time.

Serial communication on RS232 port gives extended command, calibration, diagnostics and data dump facilities.

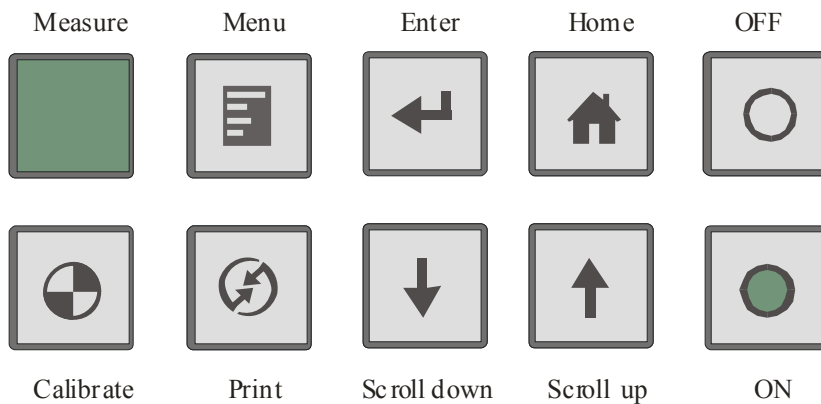
The LTL2000S(Q) is powered by a rechargeable lead acid battery, giving several hours of measurement capacity. A mains powered battery charger is supplied as standard.

LTL2000S(Q) features

- Portable self-contained instrument
- Measurement in full daylight
- Automatic stray light compensation and error diagnostics
- Dry and wet surfaces
- Plane, textured & profiled markings
- Measurement geometry and illumination corresponding to realistic viewing condition in traffic
- Direct digital read out
- Automatic mean calculation
- Built-in printer
- Real time clock
- Automatic data storage in internal non-volatile memory
- RS232 serial communication for operation, data dump, extended control and diagnostics
- Automatic programmable power off function
- Easy calibration procedure
- Calibration unit
- Carrying case

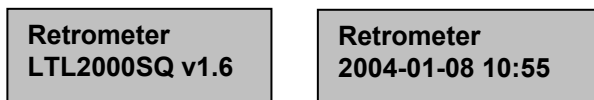
Getting started

Buttons




Measuring

Turn the instrument on by pressing and holding the  button until the LCD shows:



Calibrate the instrument if necessary, see *Calibration* page 6.

Place the instrument on the road marking. Press the  key.
The measurement will start instantly. Duration approx. 3 sec. depending on measurement mode (approx. 5. sec when measuring both Rl and Qd).




When finished the measured Rl (and Qd) values, the date/time or measurement id and status info is displayed. The information's are automatically transferred to the internal data log for later readout to the serial communication port or printout.

The instrument can automatically calculate and display the mean (average) value of 2 or more measurements, if the Mean Calc function is *ON*. See *Menu system*.

Warning and Errors

Warning and errors are indicated in the lower right positions in the second line of the display:

- * = Everything O.K.
- W** = Warning Measurement O.K. but warning condition detected.
- L** = Warning Measurement O.K. but high stray light detected.
- E** = Error Measurement unreliable.

If the error indicator is different from * then press  to print-out the status from the last measurement or press  one or more times to select *Status Display* and then use  to

scroll through the status list to see the possible cause of the problem. For further description on the error messages see *Status Display* page 19. Alternatively or select the menu Print Status to print a complete instrument status.

Note:

When battery voltage becomes low a warning (W) is shown in the lower right corner of display. It is still possible to take measurements but when the voltage drops too low, readings can be erroneous.

If in doubt whether the readings are correct make a control measurement on the calibration unit.

Wet night measurement considerations:

Making wet night measurements on warm road surfaces requires special considerations. Due to the large thermal mass of the road, the road temperature is not influenced very much by the water.

Pouring water on the hot road surface will generate steam. When placing the instrument on the wet road steam will condense in the instrument also on the front window.

Condense on the optical surfaces will result in measure error!

Tests has shown that steam especially condensate on the outside surface of the front window. When removing the instrument from the road, the dew will evaporate quickly and the instrument will again take correct readings.

It is recommended to make the "wet measurements" at the lowest possible road temperature!

Print Result: 

Press  to print the result from last calibration or measurement to the printer.

Menu: 

Press this key to enter the menu section. Press  again to scroll through the menu structure.

From the Menu it is possible to control most of the instrument settings such as mean calculation, data log functions, real time setup and automatic turn off timer, see Menu system page 21.

[The measuring mode \(Qd, Rl or both\) is set using this key.](#)

The sequence of the menu functions changes depending on what mode the instrument is in at the moment. Example: when taking measurements with the mean calculation on the first function shown will be the Clear Mean function.

Home: 

Press this key to terminate a menu or calibration and display the latest measurement result, if

the Mean calculation function is enabled and there is more than 1 measurement in the calculation then the number of measurements is shown first.

Scroll Keys: ↑↓

In normal mode the ↑ key activates the Clear Top Log function, in menu mode it is used to scroll through the menu functions and to increment shown values.

In normal mode the ↓ key activates the Edit Sequence Id function, in menu mode it is used to scroll through menu functions and to decrement shown values.

For more information about the keyboard buttons please see page 19.

Calibration - LTL2000S

A calibration should always be carried out before starting a new series of measurements.

Calibration is done by placing the calibration unit underneath the instrument between the rails. The easiest way to place the unit is to tilt the instrument backwards.




Figure 1. How to tilt the instrument.

The calibration units are fitted with guidance pins on the outside. The pins mounted in the middle of the longitudinal direction of the unit shall fit in the notch in the rails.

The instrument automatically compensates for zero signal, leakage and other possible error sources, and calculates the calibration factor. This process is fully automatic and if the calibration routine is followed precisely the retroreflectometer will now measure “true” RI.

RI Calibration

RI calibration step 1 to 8 actually consists of two calibrations: a “zero calibration” and a “normal calibration”. The zero calibration is done on the calibrator light trap and the normal calibration on the ceramics. It is important to turn the RI calibration unit the right way during the calibration sequence. See figure 2 (page 9).

Press the  key to enter calibration mode and follow the instructions in the display.

Note:

- Step 1 + 4: See figure 2 on how to place the calibration unit.
- Step 2: The message will be shown for a couple of seconds.
- Step 3: The message will be shown briefly.
- Step 5: The message will be shown for a couple of seconds.
- Step 6: Edit the RI Normal value according to the value printed on the calibration unit.
- Step 7: Accept the shown normal value.

The display shows:

Step 1

Mount Light Trap
← when Ready

Step 2

Zeroing
Please Wait

Step 3

Zero OK
Zero: 0.05%

Step 4

Mount RI Normal
← when ready

Step 5

Calibrating
Please Wait

Step 6

RI Normal 150
← = OK ↓↑ to Edit Wait


Step 7

RI Normal 150
← = when OK

Step 8

Calibration Done
Remove Normal

To verify the calibration do a RI measurement on the normal before removing the normal in step 8.

To document the calibration press the  key to print.

In the example above the RI function is now calibrated to a RI value of 150.

If an error is detected during the calibration procedure then the display will indicate this.

Note:

- Avoid calibration in direct sunlight
- Store the reference calibration unit in a dry and clean environment.

Calibration - LTL2000SQ

A calibration should always be carried out before starting a new series of measurements.

The LTL2000SQ is supplied with two calibration units. One for RI and one for Qd. The order of RI / Qd calibration is not critical. Qd calibration can be done before the RI calibration and reverse. The RI / Qd calibration can also be performed individually.

The Qd calibration only consist of one calibration (no zero calibration is needed).

Calibration is done by placing the calibration unit underneath the instrument between the rails. The easiest way to place the unit is to tilt the instrument backwards, see picture page 6. The calibration units are fitted with guidance pins on the outside. The pins mounted in the middle of the longitudinal direction of the unit shall fit in the notch in the rails, see figure 2 page 9.

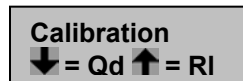
The instrument automatically compensates for zero signal, leakage and other possible error sources, and calculates the calibration factor. This process is fully automatic and if the calibration routine is followed precisely the retroreflectometer will now measure “true” RI / Qd.

Calibrate:

Press the  key to enter calibration mode.

If only RI or Qd mode is enabled then this mode is the only one shown. In the example both Qd and RI are enabled.

The display will show:



Use  or  key to activate the wanted calibration sequence.

Qd Calibration:

Follow the instructions in the display.

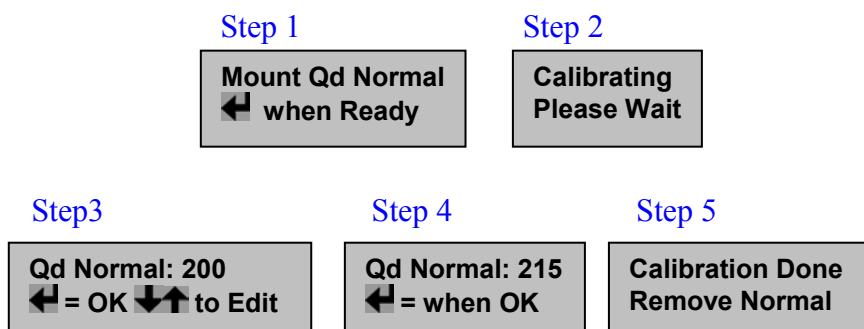
Note:


Step 1: The vertical black plate on the calibration unit shall face forward (see figure 2 page 9).

Step 2: The message will be shown for a couple of seconds.

Step 3: Edit the Qd Normal value according to the value printed on the calibration unit.

The display shows:



If the  key is pressed the calibration result is printed.

In the example above the Qd function is now calibrated to a Qd value of 215. If an error is detected during the calibration procedure then the display will indicate this.

RI Calibration:

See RI calibration page 6.

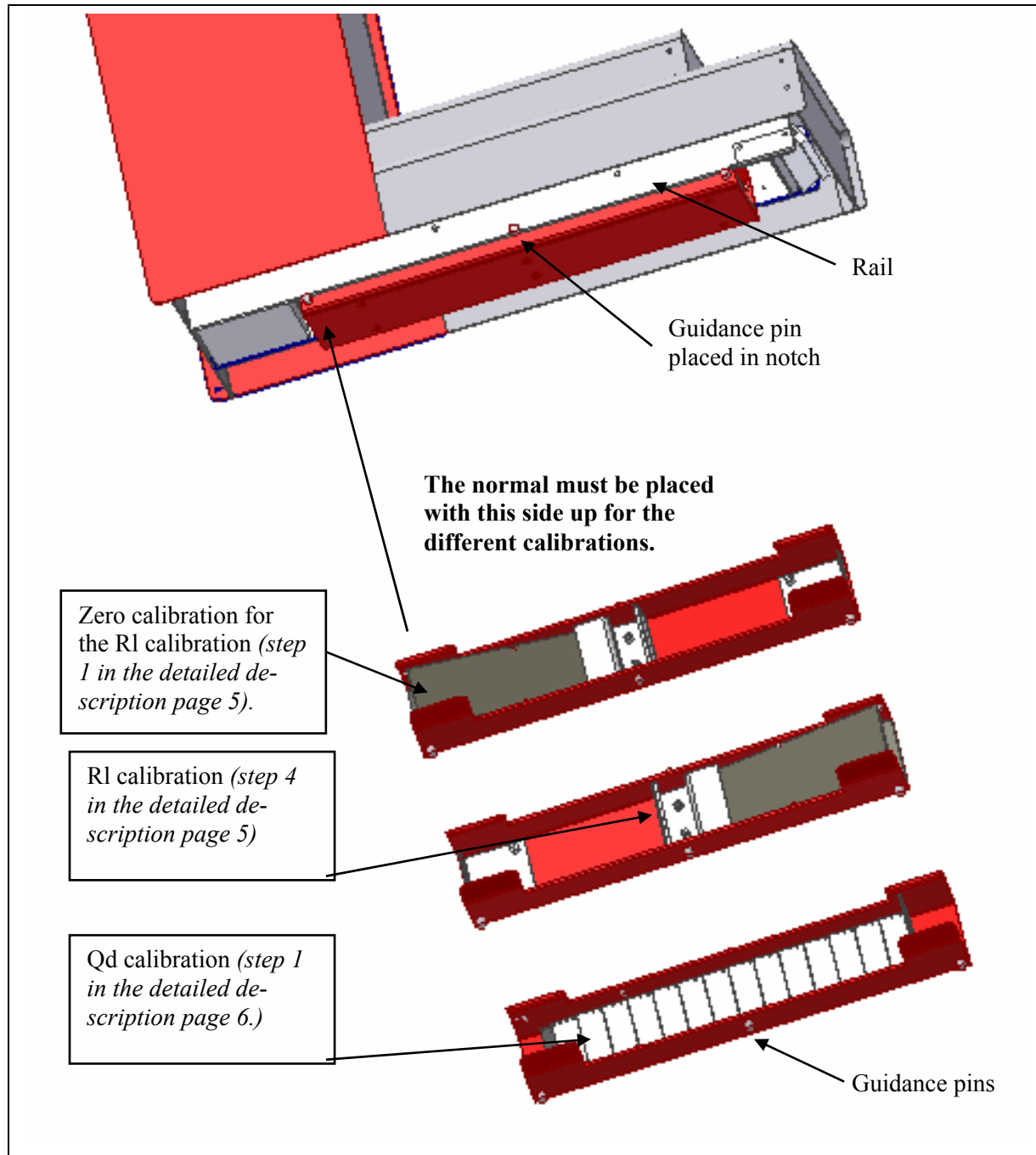


Figure 2. How to place the calibration normals.

Remember:

- Recharge battery when possible. Never leave battery discharged for longer periods of time.
- Keep protection window, light trap and calibration unit clean.
- LTL2000S(Q) is an optical precision instrument, handle with care.
- Store in clean and dry environment

SECTION 2

GENERAL INFORMATION

RI Measurement

The RI part of the LTL2000S(Q) Retroreflectometer measures the RI (coefficient of retro reflected luminance) parameter. The RI parameter represents the brightness of the road markings seen by drivers of motor vehicles by headlight illumination.

The illumination angle is 1.24° and the observation angle is 2.29° simulating a drivers viewing distance of 30 metres at an eye height of 1.2 metres. The observation area is app. 45 mm. x 200 mm.

The optical specification complies with EN1436. The spectral sensitivity is eye matched using SMART optical filter designed and produced by DELTA. The functional layout of the LTL2000S(Q) RI optical system is shown in figure 3 below.

A very efficient electronic stray light compensation eliminates false signals from daylight.

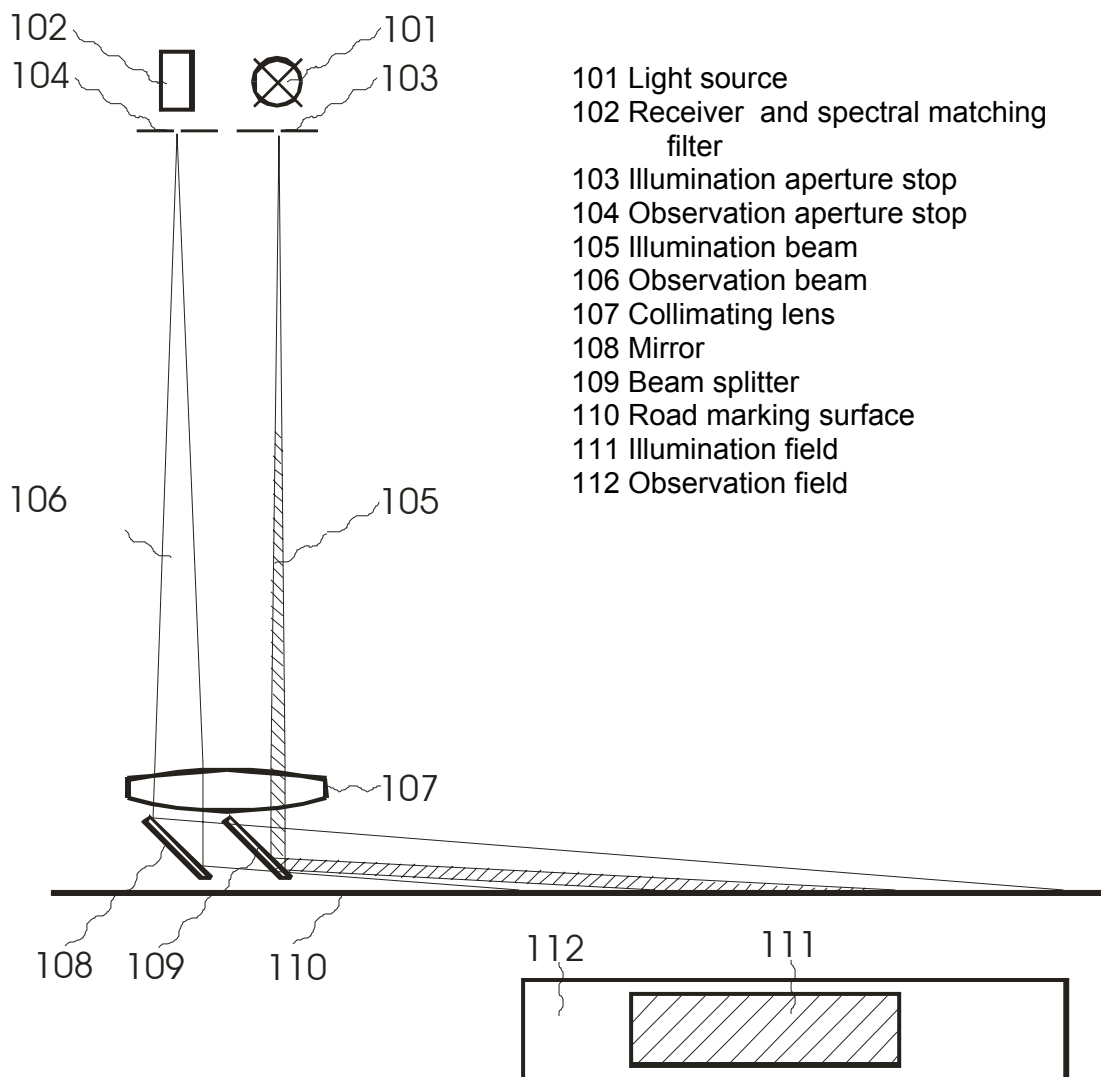


Figure 3: LTL2000S(Q) RL optical system layout

The illuminations field with a length of 200mm length and 43 mm wide gives a large measuring measurement field of 85 cm². Combined with an observation field of 350 mm length this gives a considerable capability to measure profiled and textures makings but also a high reliability for obtaining correct readings for un even surfaces or if small debris are present at one of the instruments support pads on the marking.

Because of illumination at an angle of only 1,24° to the surface in the CEN-Prescribed geometry, the illuminated patch moves ahead by 46 mm for each mm lift of the instrument ($1 \text{ mm}/\sin 1,24^\circ = 46 \text{ mm}$). A shift might affect the readings, when the tape is not completely uniform. Therefore, to avoid the shift, the instrument is moved backwards by 46 mm for each mm lift.

Refer to figure 3 for results of the measurements. The R_L value is roughly constant up to the height of 4 mm, but at 5 mm there is some reduction.

To understand this, one needs to know that the illuminated patch moves by 46 mm per mm, but the measurement area by only 25 mm per mm at the measuring angle of 2,29° relative to the surface ($1 \text{ mm}/\sin 2,29^\circ = 25 \text{ mm}$). The measuring area is larger than the illuminated patch, and contains it, but at some lift the illuminated patch moves partly out of the measured area - causing reduction of the measured R_L value.

On the basis of these measurements, it can be claimed that this particular instrument has a reach of almost 5 mm down into a profiled road marking, and the corresponding $5 \times 46 \text{ mm} = 23 \text{ cm}$ reach along gaps. This reach is assumed to be 20 cm to be on the safe side.

The significance is that the instrument can readily be used to measure the R_L of profiled road markings, when the profiles are at most 5 mm high, or gaps between profiles are at most 20 cm. Refer to figure 5 page 14.

In practice, it is necessary to take readings at a number of positions covering one or more profiles. There may be variation with the position, but the average value will reflect the true R_L value of the profiled road marking as experienced by a driver at night.

Most of profiled road markings used on roads in Europe can be measured with the LTL 2000S(Q), and are in fact measured with the LTL2000 as a matter of routine. Examples are 'Spotflex', 'Longflex', 'Rainline' and 'Drop-on line'.

FOR MARKINGS EXCEEDING 5 MM HEIGHT/200 MM IN SPACING PLEASE CONTACT DELTA.

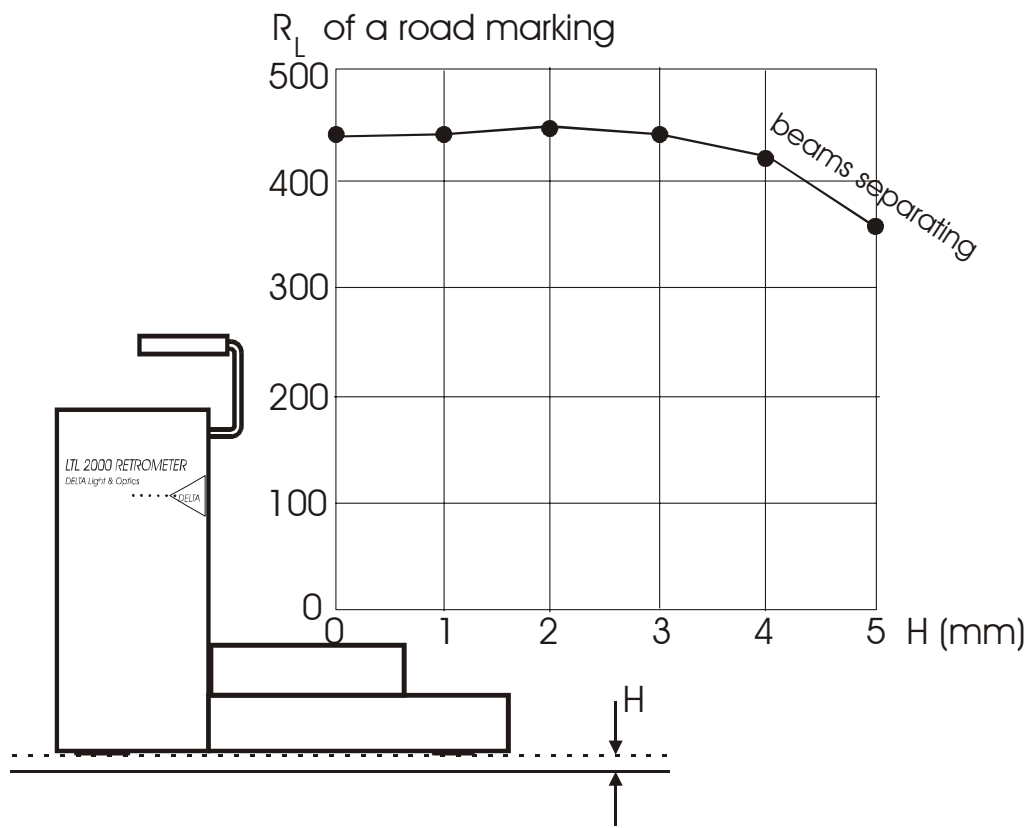


Figure 4: Simulation of profiled markings and/or un-even markings: Lift of a retroreflector to a height H and the resulting R_L values.

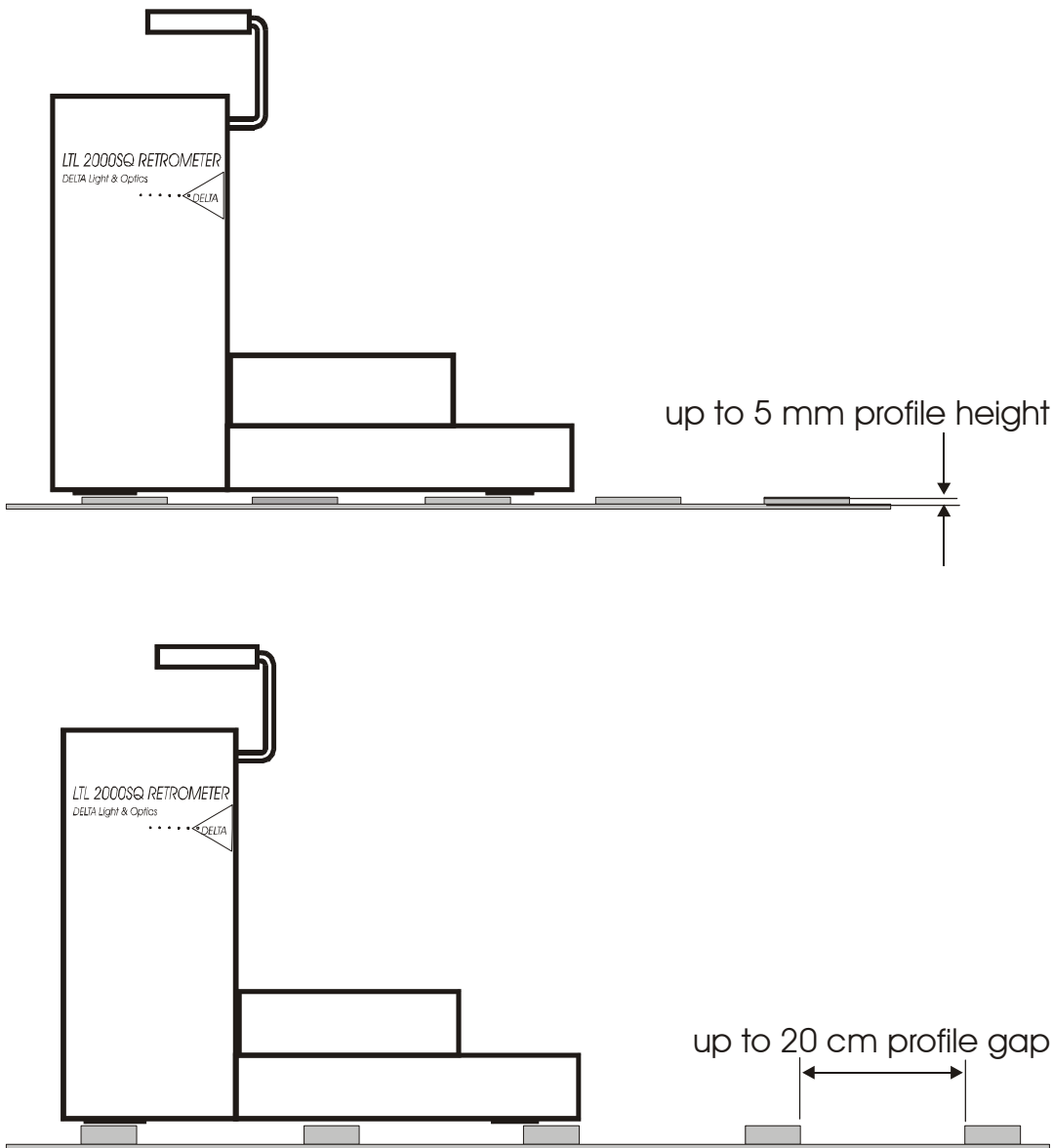


Figure 5: The reach of the LTL 2000S(Q) makes it capable of measuring profiled road markings of profile height up to 5 mm, or profile gap up to 20 cm.

The advantage of the DELTA optical arrangement with a smaller illumination field in a large measurement field is illustrated in the figure 6 below compared to a system with two identical fields.

Pro profiled/textures markings, on even markings and in situations where a small debris (e.g. small stone) the instrument is lifted / tilted. The advantage of the LTL2000S(Q) optical arrangement is that the measurement still is correct in contrary to other systems available on the market with identical fields where the results obtained are incorrect because the illuminations field is not fully within the measurement field.

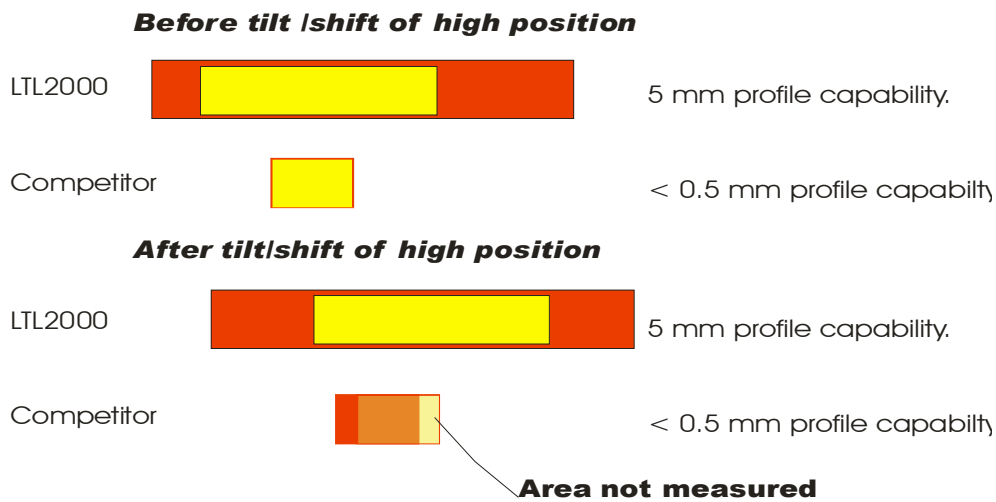


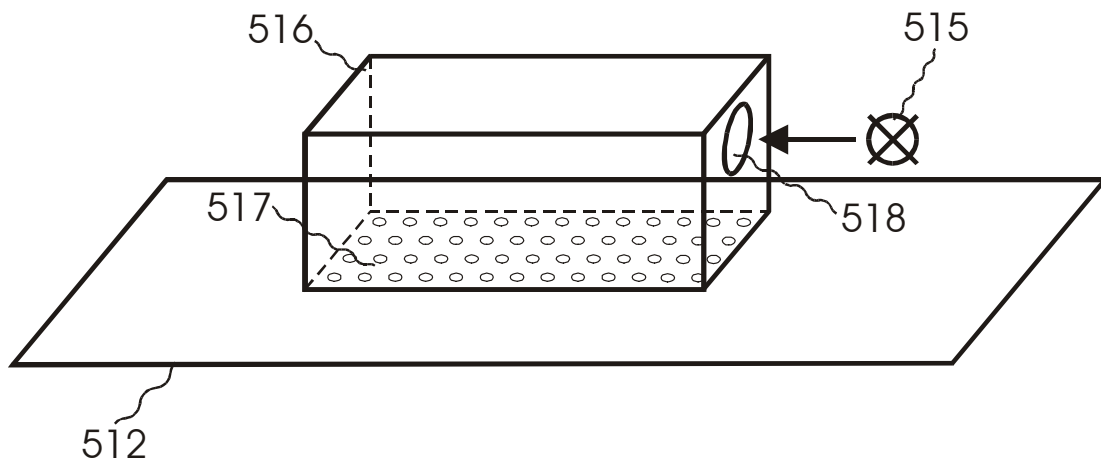
Figure 6: The LTL2000S(Q) illuminations/measurement fields (5mm profile capability) compared to a system with identical fields (< 0.5 mm profile capability) clearly shows the advantage of the LTL2000S(Q) for obtaining reliable and reproducible measurements on real markings.

Qd Measurement

The Qd part of the LTL2000SQ Retroreflectometer measures the Qd (coefficient of diffuse reflected luminance) parameter. The Qd parameter represents the Lightness of road surfaces and road markings seen by drivers of motor vehicles under daylight conditions or with stationary lighting.

The Qd measurement function of the LTL2000SQ complies with the EN1436 for normal non-glossy road markings with a maximum profile. For measurement on glossy road markings or markings with a profile height exceeding 2 mm please contact DELTA.

The illumination system recommended in EN1436 for obtaining the diffuse illumination for measuring of Qd is an integrating sphere but it is also stated that other illuminations systems can be used if similar results are obtained. The very compact illumination systems in LTL2000SQ is a result of a considerable research effort at DELTA using advanced optical simulation programs. The patent pending illumination system is shown in figure 7. The results obtained with this illumination system is in close agreement with results obtained on Qd measurements using an integrating sphere systems as Qd30 for normal non-glossy road markings with a profile height up to 2 mm. For further information regarding this matter please contact DELTA.



512 Road marking surface

- Light source
- Diffusing box with white interior finish
- 517 Thin perforated plate
- 518 Aperture into diffusing box

Figure 7. Qd illumination system

Instrument function

Physically the instrument is dominated by the “control tower”. The tower contains the RI illuminating and observation system and the control electronics.

The unit on top of the base structure contains the Qd illumination system, the observation system is the same for both RI and Qd.

The base structure contains an optical system with mirrors that directs RI illumination beam towards the road surface and the RI or Qd signal to the detector through a dust-protection window. The measuring area is shielded by an aluminium housing.

The instrument is controlled by a microprocessor that executes the measurement automatically by the push of a button and presents the result on a display. The result is automatically transferred to an internal non-volatile memory. The result and corresponding measurement id, time and date can be printed by the built-in printer. The LTL2000S(Q) is operated with a small keyboard located at the top of the Retroreflectometer. Further, Retroreflectometer control is possible over a serial communication link (RS232). Stored data can easily be transferred to a host PC for further processing.

The LTL2000S(Q) is powered by a built-in lead acid battery, which under normal operation will keep the Retroreflectometer operating a normal working day. The battery is recharged by use of an external charger.

Factory calibration

The LTL2000S(Q) Retroreflectometer is factory calibrated. This calibration is carried out by using calibration units mounted in specially designed frames. The calibration unit's values are measured in the laboratory using traceable methods and equipment.

Notes on error sources

Stray light can enter the instrument between the skirts and the road. Leakage will under normal measurement conditions not be significant. Nevertheless it may occur. Before each measurement the LTL2000S(Q) automatically evaluates the leakage and the result is compensated before read out. In case of a significant leakage level a warning or error message is given and special precautions such as screening may be necessary.

Instrument leak, drift and offset errors are compensated by means of data obtained during the calibration procedure. It is very important to keep the light trap, the dust-protection window and the ceramics on the calibration unit clean. Especially the light trap is critical.

The LTL2000S(Q) illumination angle is 1.24° relative to the road surface. Because of this small angle accurate placement on the road is important. Avoid pebbles and abnormal irregularities.

The LTL2000S(Q) must be parallel with and close to the road.

The LTL2000S(Q) Retroreflectometer is a rugged instrument, but it is an optical instrument and must be handled as such.

The LTL2000S(Q) is factory calibrated. Nevertheless start important measurements with a calibration. Study the Retroreflectometer status and error messages if any. See also Section 4 – Maintenance (page 25).

When the battery voltage becomes low a warning is shown in the display (W). It is still possible to take measurements but when the voltage drops further, readings can be erroneous. If in doubt whether the readings are correct make a control measurement on the calibration unit.

Note

Keep light trap, optical-protection window and ceramics on calibration unit clean.

Keep battery fully charged. A well charged battery is more resistant to ageing and damage by freezing

SECTION 3

KEYBOARD, DISPLAY AND FUNCTIONS

Keyboard Layout

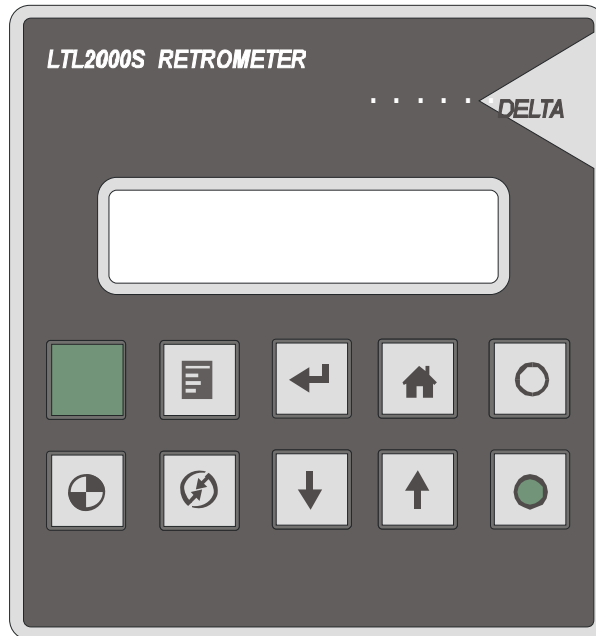


Figure 8. Keyboard.

Keyboard functions

Key Label

Key Function



Turns the instrument **On**. Hold activated until the sign on message appears in the Display.



Turns the instrument **Off**. Terminates all activity and powers off.



Take a **measurement** and show the result in the display. All relevant data is automatically stored in the data log for later print or dump to the communication port.



Enter **calibration** menu. Follow the instructions in the display.




Enter - Activates selected function, accepts changed settings and confirms choices.




Home (Home position) - Cancels selected function or menu and return to top control level displaying the latest measurement result.




Outputs the latest measurement or calibration result to the printer. Printout has to finish completely before any other function can be selected. Printout can only be terminated by turning off the instrument with 




Menu - When in normal operation mode this key activates the menu system and displays the first item in the menu stack. When already in menu mode it selects the next menu item, it is possible to leave the menu mode entirely at any time with the  key or by selecting other function keys.




Scroll up - In normal mode the  key activates the Clear Top Log function. See Clear log data below.
In Menu mode it functions as a scroll or increment function. Values are incremented until they reach their predefined max. limit and then automatically change to their predefined min. limit. The key is auto repeating with increasing repetition rate when held active.



Scroll down - In normal mode the  key activates the Edit Measurement Id (Seq Id) function. See Measurement id below.
In menu mode it functions as a scroll or decrement function. Values are decremented until they reach their predefined min. limit and then automatically change to their predefined max. limit. The key is auto repeating with increasing repetition rate when held active.

Clear log data

Data log entries can be deleted.

Pressing  in normal mode activates the deletion of the measurement from the top of the data log. The values from the previous measurement will be shown and if a *Measurement id* was defined for that measurement it will be restored as well.

All log data can be deleted using Menu function *Free log*. See page 24.


Clearing the top log will reset the mean calculation.



Measurement id


LTL2000S(Q) has a built in function to mark each measurement with a user defined name (sequence id) and a unique sequence number automatic generated by the instrument. The sequence id and the sequence number will also be stored in the log. The length of the sequence id text is 6 characters.

If any sequence id is defined, the id text and a sequence number are shown in the display.

Entering Measurement id:

To enter / edit the sequence id press the  button when in *home position*.

Use the  button to scroll through the alphabet in direction A..Z (starting with the space character), 0..9. The  button will scroll through the alphabet in opposite direction.

When the wanted character is shown press the  button to advance to the next position. You have to step through all 6 positions before the sequence id function will be accepted.

When typing a new sequence id text or editing an old one, the sequence number is reset to 0.

When all 6 positions are set to space the sequence id function is undefined and no longer included in the log nor shown in the display. This can also be done using the Menu command: *Disable Id*

Mean Calculation

The instrument automatically calculates and displays the mean (average) value of 2 or more measurements when the *Mean Calc* function is *ON*. See *Menu system*.

If the RI / Qd value shown in the display contains a decimal point (.) then the shown value is a mean value. The number of samples is displayed for one second after each measurement.

Press  to redisplay this information.


The following actions will clear the mean calculation:

- *Clear Top Log* function
- Toggling the RI / Qd modes
- *Clear mean* (from menu)
- New calibration





Measurements stored in the log are not the displayed average values but the actual measurement value.

If a measurement error occurs (e.g. RI / Qd out of limit) a message: “**Error! Can’t calc new mean!**” is shown in the display. Both measurements (RI / Qd) are ignored, a new average is not calculated and the sample number is not incremented. The measurements however are stored in the log as normal.

Menu system

Press  to enter the menu system.

Menu points are:













- **Qd Mode**
Press  to toggle Qd mode *ON* and *OFF*. When *ON* the instrument will perform a Qd measurement when  is pressed.
- **RI Mode**
Press  to toggle RI mode *ON* and *OFF*. When *ON* the instrument will perform a RI measurement when  is pressed.
- **Status Display**
The results and status recorded during measurement and calibration can be shown in

the display one at a time using the   keys.

An * after a text means that the message only is shown at special occasions e.g. an error or warning!

LTL2000S(Q) Display	Explanation (The following messages are possible)
R: 146 Q: 64	The latest measurement results.
RI Signal: 143 RI Out of Limit* RI Sig Overflow* RI Stray L: 0 RI High Stray L* VBat RI: 11.2V Low VBat Warning*	The measured RI “raw signal” level. The RI value is negative. Warning: unreliable measurement! If the measured signal is greater than a predefined limit then a warning will be displayed for one second before the RI Sig value is shown. Error sources: RI marking exceeds the dynamic range of the instrument, failure in the optical system e.g. dew or dirt on the front window or it can be an electrical failure. The measured stray light representing the amount of light getting into the instrument from outside. Stray light levels under acceptable predefined limits is displayed as 0. Warning. A high stray light signal can indicate problems with direct sunlight from a low sun on a very rough or uneven surface. Special precautions must, if necessary, be taken to hinder the light from shining directly on the measurement area. A warning will be displayed for one second, if the signal gets critical, before the RI Stray L value. The battery RI voltage measured while the lamp is on. The reading can be used to check the charge condition of the built-in 12 V battery. A warning will be displayed for one second before the VBat RI voltage is shown, if the voltage under load drops to a critical low value. If the battery voltage gets very low, the instrument will shut off during the measurement because the battery voltage drops further when the lamp is lit. This condition will be reported in the display on the next power on. Measuring will not be possible until the battery is recharged.
Qd Signal: 875	The measured Qd signal level.

LTL2000S(Q) Display	Explanation (The following messages are possible)
<p>Qd Out of Limit*</p> <p>Qd Sig Overflow*</p> <p>Qd Stray L: 0</p> <p>Qd High Stray L*</p> <p>VBat Qd: 11.3V</p> <p>Low VBat Warning*</p>	<p>The Qd value exceeds the theoretical value of 318.</p> <p>See RI Sig Overflow.</p> <p>The measured Qd stray light level.</p> <p>See RI High Stray L.</p> <p>See VBat RI.</p>
<p>VBat idle: 12.6V</p> <p>Low VBat Warning*</p> <p>VBat Now: 12.8V</p>	<p>The battery idle voltage is measured just before the lamp was turned on. The reading can be used to check the charge condition of the built-in 12 V Battery. A warning is given in the display if the voltage drops below its predefined minimum limit. The warning will be displayed for one second before the VBat idle voltage is shown.</p> <p>The actual battery voltage just before entering the VBat Now menu. Can be used to check the charger. When a charger is connected the voltage should after a period of time be > 13.5 V.</p>
<p>Free Log: 744</p> <p>Log Full*</p>	<p>The amount of free log entries.</p> <p>A warning is given if the data log has run full. This means that no new measurements can go into the log. The log will have to be cleared before this warning is removed.</p>
<p>LTL2000SQ v. 1.6 (c)08-JAN-04 S/N: 704</p>	<p>The instrument type and software version. The firmware creation date. The instrument serial number.</p>

- **Disable Id**
Clear the measurement id.
 - **Free Log**
Shows the numbers of free log positions in the log. Pressing  will clear the log. In order to avoid accidental erasing the log, a second  is required.
 - **Print Log**
Output all the data in the log to the printer.
Press  to select.
The display now shows the number of measurements in the data log. Press  to start printing. The print process continues until all the data has been printed (newest first). The only way to stop is to turn the instrument off.
 - **Print Status**
Output the instrument status to the printer, see page 37.
 - **Default Settings**
Establish the default settings for various programmable values. This enables the user to start over from a default state.
Press  again to activate this action.
Default values are loaded from the permanent memory. The log data is NOT effected. After default values are loaded the instrument must be calibrated.
 - **Log Warn**
When the data log becomes full a warning can be shown in the display (W).
Use  to toggle Log Warn *ON* / *OFF* function.
If off no warning is shown when the log becomes full!
- Note:** If the log becomes full when Log Warn is *ON* then the measurement data is no longer stored in the log!
- **Off Timer**
In order to prolong the operational time of the instrument it has an automatic off function that shuts off the power when no action has been going on for more than a programmable time. The automatic turn off time can be from 60 to 600 seconds or it can be disabled entirely (time < 60 sec.).
 - **Edit Year** (Time and date)
The built-in real time clock can be set by selecting this menu.
Use   keys to change the Year setting. Press  to switch to edit Month, edit Date, edit Hour and edit Minute. When the display shows the desired date and time press  a last time to set the real time clock to the displayed setting
 - **Mean**
Use  to toggle Mean function *ON* / *OFF*. See also page 21.
 - **Clear Mean** (only shown if Mean function is *ON*)
Press  to reset the Mean calculation.
When the Mean calculation is active Clear mean will be the first menu point.

SECTION 4

MAINTENANCE

General care

The Retroreflectometer is constructed for outdoor use in ordinary good weather conditions. It will stand moist weather with wet roads, but caution must be taken against rain or splashes and dirt from traffic. The LTL2000S(Q) Retroreflectometer is an optical instrument and shall be handled as such. Avoid shock and vibration if possible.

Note

Keep dust/protection window and light trap clean

Protection window

The protection window is located in the optical unit. The protection window is coated with a high efficiency anti reflection coating. Care must be taken not to damage this coating by cleaning. A fine brush can be used for removing loose particles/dust. If this is not sufficient the window should be cleaned using a soft paper tissue or cloth and some window cleaning liquid.

Battery

The LTL2000S(Q) Retroreflectometer is powered by a sealed 12V/3.5Ah lead acid battery, which under normal use requires no maintenance. However it is recommended to keep the battery fully charged. A fully charged battery is more capable of withstanding low temperature and ageing.

Battery charger is provided as a standard accessory for charging the battery from mains. The output cable of the charger is equipped with a socket matching the connector in the instrument. Connect charger to mains and instrument. The red indicator will be switched on as long as the charging is in progress. Thereafter it switches periodically on and off. Normally the charging will take about 8 hours. Typically the battery achieves 90% of the capacity in 5 hours. No harm will result from leaving the charger connected for time in excess of the above indicated duration of the charging process. However, the battery must be disconnected from the charger when disconnecting the mains.

The battery is located in a compartment at the front of the tower. To replace the battery remove the screws holding the right side cover plate, seen from behind. Remove the screws from the right hand side of the red front- and back cover plate. Remove the side cover plate. Remove the 2 nuts holding the clamp plate. Lift out the battery of its container. The battery can now be removed and replaced. Refit in reverse order.

Fuses

Fuses, two pieces, are placed at the rear of the instrument. The charging fuse protects the battery against short circuit and other errors in the charging connector, charger or charging system.

The battery fuse protects battery and electronics against short circuit and other errors in the electronic system.

Always replace a blown fuse with one of equal rating. To change a fuse carefully unscrew the plastic cap fuse holder by using e.g. a coin. Pull out the fuse from the cap and insert the new one and reassemble

Lamp

The halogen lamps requires no maintenance. At life end they must be replaced. It is recommended that replacing is done by trained personal.

Calibration unit

The road marking is simulated by a piece of white ceramics mounted on a aluminium block with a small grip. Ceramics has very stable optical properties and cleaning is easy because of the smooth surface.

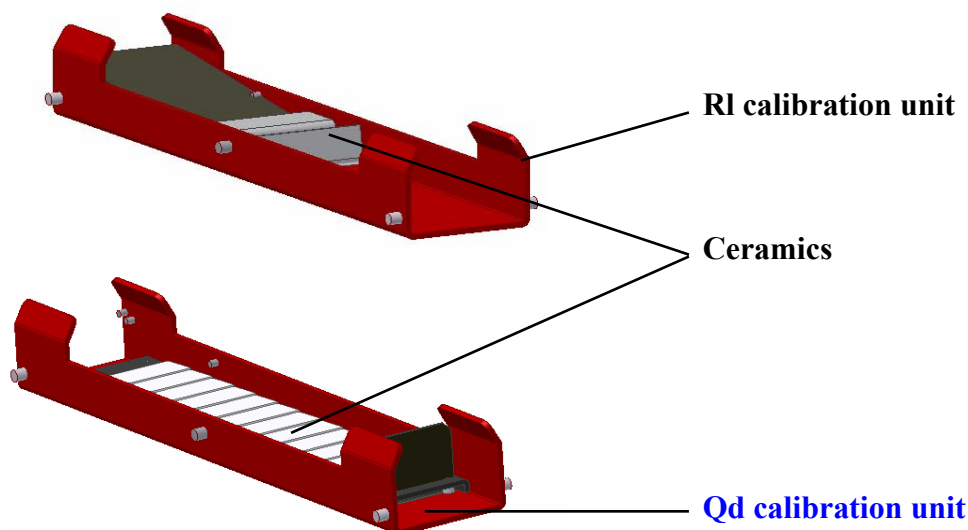


Figure 9. Calibration units

To make sure that calibration of the retroreflectometer is correct it is important that the ceramics on the calibration unit is clean and undamaged. All ways keep the calibration unit well protected.

If the ceramics is stained, scratched or broken the calibration unit has to be replaced. In case of dust on the ceramics surface, clean gently with a damp soft cloth if necessary use a

mild household detergent.

To ensure reliable measurements, it is recommended that the calibration unit is periodically recalibrated to a traceable standard. DELTA Light & Optics offers calibration traceable to PTB (Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt). For information contact your distributor or DELTA Light & Optics.

Light trap

Zero signals are simulated by a light trap made of two glossy and black plastic sheets mounted in an acute angle. If clean this will provide very efficient light absorbing device.

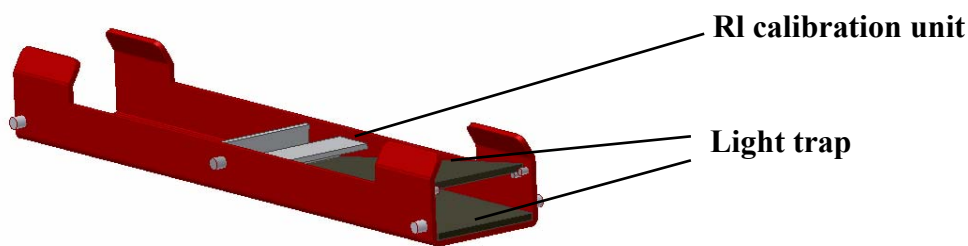


Figure 10. Light trap

It is necessary to disassemble the light trap to clean it efficiently. This is easily done by lifting and pulling it. Cleaning can be done by using a fine brush, clean pressurised air or a soft paper tissue/cloth and some window cleaning liquid.

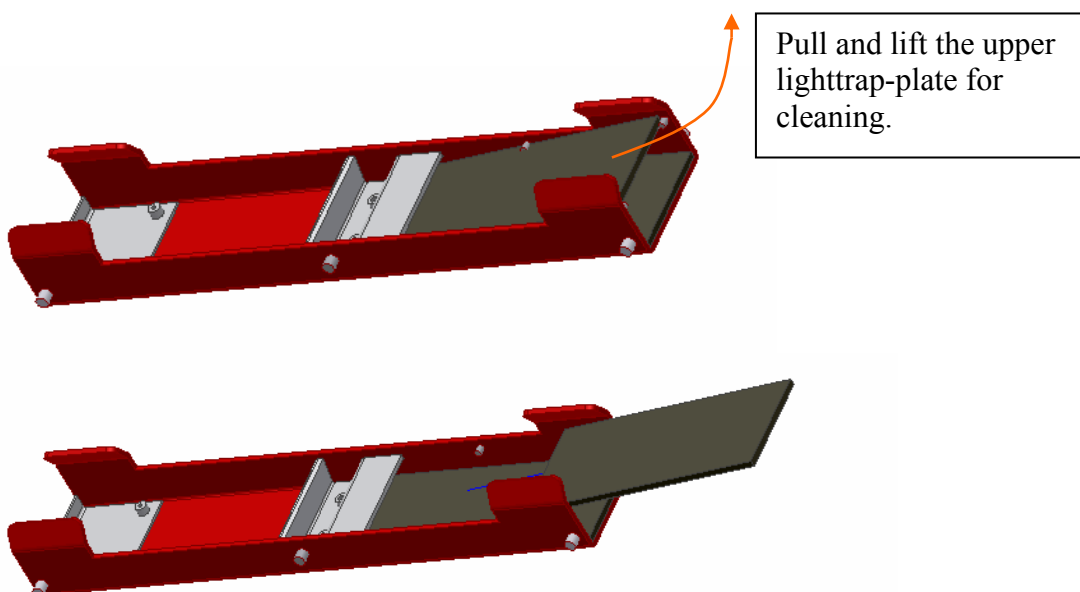


Figure 11. Cleaning lighttrap-plate.

Printer

The printer is a high speed high quality mini thermal printer. It has only a few moving parts and does not require any special or periodic maintenance.

Paper specification:

- thermal paper
- width: 57.5 mm
- diameter: 31 mm (max.)

Replacing the paper is easily done by opening the paper container with the little handle in the cover, just place the new paper role with a short paper tail hanging out at the top and close the cover with a firm push.

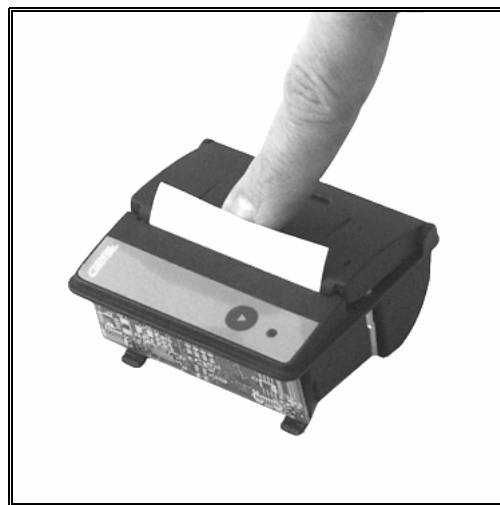
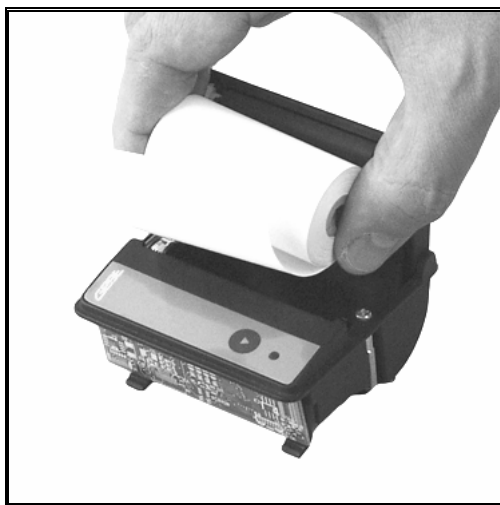
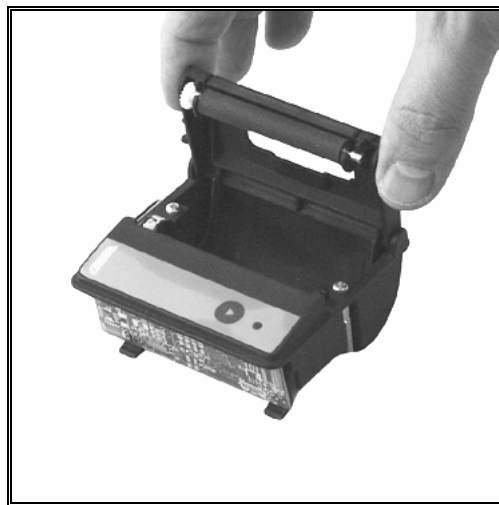
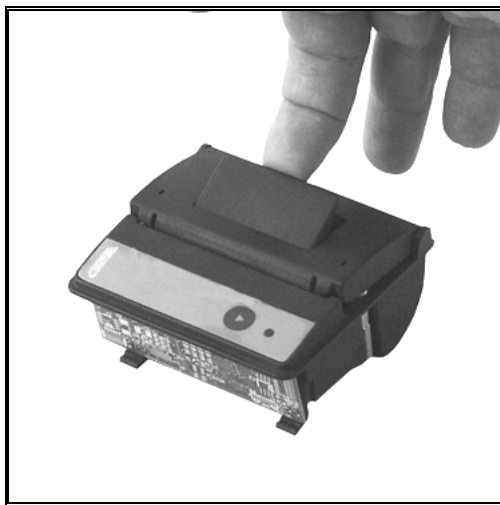


Figure 12. How to replacing the printer paper.

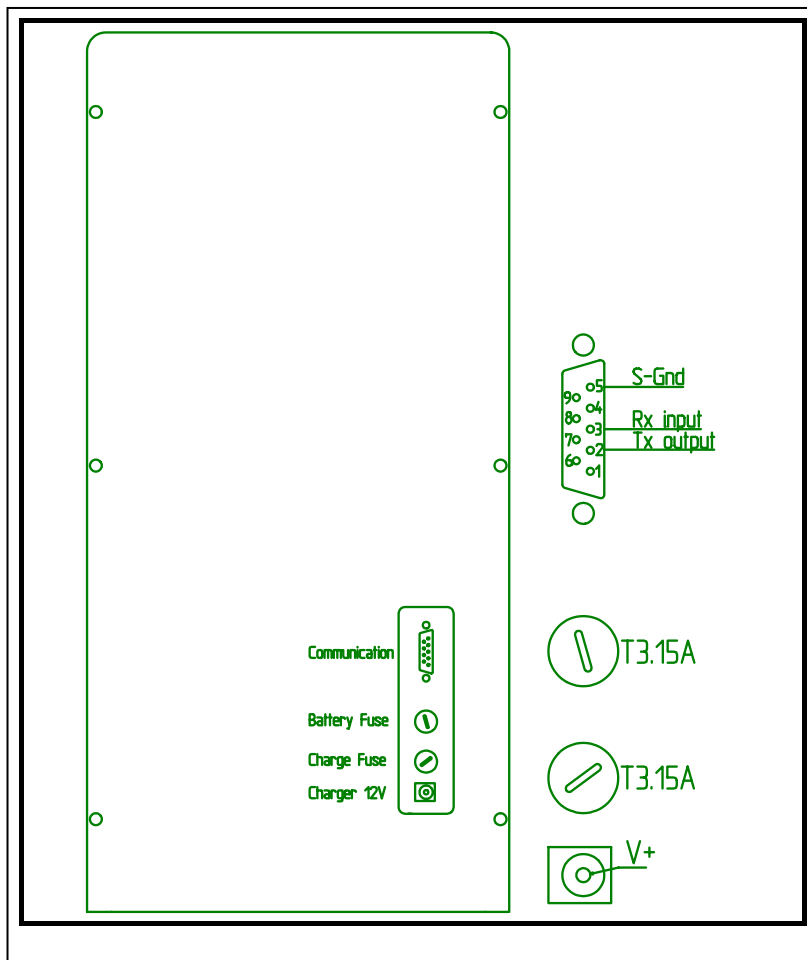
APPENDIX A

COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

RS-232C specification

The LTL2000S(Q) is equipped with a communication facility that enables the use of a simple data terminal or an ordinary PC type computer for control of LTL2000S(Q) functions and for log data acquisition.

The computer or terminal connects to the Instrument using a communication cable fitted with a 9 pin male D-Sub connector at one end and a 9 or 25 pin connector at the other end.



The electrical connections meet the EIA/TIA-232E and CCITT V.28 specifications. e.g. it can be connected to any standard RS232 serial communications port with the below wiring.

Connections in the 9 pin D-Sub connector.

pin #	Function	Signal Direction
3	Receive Data	Data to LTL2000S(Q)
2	Transmit Data	Data from LTL2000S(Q)
5	Signal Ground	Signal Ground

Connection example #1. PC with 25-pin D-Sub communication port.

Cable connections:

PC Port DTE	pin name		LTL DTE
1	FG	X	
2	TxD	-- -	3
3	RxD	-- -	2
4	RTS	X	
5	CTS	X	
6	DSR	X	
7	SG	-- -	5
8	DCD	X	
20	DTR	X	

25-pin fe-
male
D-SUB

9-pin male
D-SUB

Connection example #2. PC with 9 pin D-Sub communication port.

Cable connections:

PC Port DTE	pin name		LTL DTE
1	CD	X	
2	RxD	-- -	2
3	TxD	-- -	3
4	DTR	X	
5	SG	-- -	5
6	DSR	X	
7	RTS	X	
8	CTS	X	
9	RI	X	

9-pin female
D-SUB
9-pin male
D-SUB

As it can be seen, the interconnections have been held to an absolute minimum, and in some rare situations there will have to be established additional connections on the PC side. Please refer to your PC manual for further information.

Data protocol

The communication between the LTL2000S(Q) and the computer equipment takes place using the following settings:

- Baud Rate 9600 bit/sec.
- Number of data bit..... 8
- Parity..... none
- Stop bit 1
- Hand Shake XOn/XOff

Command format

All LTL2000S(Q) commands are built using the following template.

Command (one ore more letters)
Delimiter (one ore more spaces, optional)
Parameter (Integer or Real number, optional)
Command End (Carriage Return, mandatory)

Example #1:

The user wants to see how the Automatic Off timer is set and then change the value to 120 seconds.

The command and the response sequence look like this.

```
Ot
Automatic Off Timer = 300 sec.
Ot 120
Automatic Off Timer = 120 sec
```

If for some reason the communication fails or the command is undefined the LTL2000S(Q) responds with a question mark. <?>

If the parameter lies outside the defined range for that parameter, the LTL2000S(Q) returns the present setting without any change.

Example #2:

The user wants to read the data in the data log
The command and the response sequence can look like this.

```
LR
Log Dump: 2002 Aug 12 13:27:13
3 Entrys: Free: 1495
  Date      Time      Rl  Qd  R-Stat  Q-Stat  ID #
  Y-M-D    H:M:S    [mcd/m²)/Ix]
2002-08-12 12:45:56  123  off   0       0
2002-08-12 12:46:13  125  off   0       0
2002-08-12 13:47:11  120  82    0       0  DELTA 1
*
```

Command set

The instrument is equipped with a serial communication port primarily for log data acquisition, calibration and test, however all normal instrument functions can be controlled from this interface.

The following commands have been defined

Command set			
Command	Parameter	Response	Meaning
DAn	None 2002 8 12	2002 Aug 10 09:45:47 2002 Aug 12 09:55:33	Real time clock Date and time New Date (time unchanged)
DPS	None	See Status PrintOut for details	Elaborated instrument status
FV	None	Retroreflectometer LTL2000SQ v1.0 DELTA (c)02-JUL-24	Instrument firmware version, serial and other instrument information
ID	None	#848SQ	Instrument serial number
II	None Y N	Initialise Instrument settings [Y/N] Initialising Instrument. Zero and Calibrate II Command Terminated	Set Default values from ROM Execute initialisation, Instrument not calibrated! Cancel initialisation command without any change
LC	None	Data log empty	Data log clear message
LE	None	Instrument s/n: n Date/Time,RI,Qd,RS,QS,ID,ID# 2002-08-12 12:35:56,off,24,0,0,, 2002-08-12 12:36:13,79,off,0,0,DELTA,1 2002-08-12 13:27:11,76,22,0,0,DELTA,2 2002-08-12 13:27:44,76,22,0,0,TEST,1 *	Data in Log is output comma separated for input to standard spreadsheet Log end
LS	None	Log Status Log: 3 Free: 1297	Log statistics
LWT LWF	none	Log Full Warning Display On Log Full Warning Display Off	Enable the Log Full warning in LCD Disable the Log Full warning in LCD
M	None	* Qd: 123 (mcd/mý)/lx Qd Status Code: 0 00000000 2002 Aug 12 13:53:16 RI: 33 (mcd/mý)/lx Seq ID : DELTA #3	Perform a measurement. Qd result Qd status code Time for Qd measurement RI result Sequence Id

Command set			
Command	Parameter	Response	Meaning
		RI Status Code 0 00000000 2002 Aug 12 13:53:19 LTL2000SQ v1.0 s/n:n	RI status code Time for RI measurement Instrument Id
OTn	None 59 180	Off Timer = 300 sec. Off Func: Off Off Timer: = 180 sec.	Automatic turn off time when not in use. Range 60 to 600 sec. Disable for time < 60 sec
PV	None	V PMT = 644 Volt	Voltage on PMT
QCn	None 123	QdF: 0.1366 Cal Qd? [Y/N] Cal Qd! Qd Factor = 0.7564 Qd Normal = 123	Query Qd calc factor Calibrate Qd to 123 Y/N response to start Calibrating Qd Calculated calc factor New active Qd normal
QEn	None F T	Qd On Qd Off Qd On	Query Qd function Set Qd function Off Set Qd function On
RCn	None 123	RIF: 2.038 Cal RI [Y/N] Cal RI RI Factor = 2.032 RI Normal = 123	Query RI Calc factor Calibrate RI to 123 Y/N response to start Calibrating RI Calculated calc factor New active RI normal
REn	None F T	RI On RI Off RI On	Query RI function Set RI function Off Set RI function On
RZ	None	Zero Adjust? [Y/N] Zero RI *** Zero Reading *** Lamp On: 12 Lamp Off: 10 New RI Sy Leak: 2	Perform RI zero adjust with Y/N confirmation Measuring zero signal Result from zero reading Signal with lamp on Signal with lamp off New SyLeak signal
SD	None	RI Status Code 0 00000000 Qd Status Code: 0 00000000	Status code and bit pattern if status not zero then the status code is decoded
SNn	None TEST2	Seq ID: DELTA Meas in Seq: 3 Seq ID: TEST2 Meas in Seq: 0	Query Sequence number Measurements with this ID Change ID to TEST2 No measurements with this ID
TIn	None 10 02 25	2002 Aug 12 13:59:37 2002 Aug 12 10:02:25	Real time clock Date and Time New Time (Date unchanged)

Command set			
Command	Parameter	Response	Meaning
TO	None	Sensor Off	Turn sensor off (power off)
VAn	None 11.50	VBat Alarm: 11.00 Volt VBat Alarm: 11.50 Volt	Set point for low bat warning New set point for low bat warning
VB	None	VBat = 12.77 Volt	Measure actual voltage on lead-acid battery
VS	None	VBat Lamp Off: 12.78 Volt VBat RI Lamp On : 11.99 Volt VBat Qd Lamp On : 12.09 Volt	Measured VBat with min. load Measured VBat with RI. lamp load Measured VBat with Qd lamp load
<?>	None	DA [yyyy mm dd] DPS x-stat FV Firmware Version ID ID II Init [Y/N] LC Log Clr LE Log , sep LS Log stat LWn Log warn [T/F] OT Off timer PV PMTV QEn Qd[T/F] QCn Cal to n REn RI [T/F] RCn Calc to n RZ zero M Measure SNn Seq # TI [hh:mm:ss] TO Turn Off VA Bat alarm VB VBat VS V-idle V-lamp	Help menu. Query/Set Real Time Watch Date year/month/date Query instrument status Query Firm Ware info Instrument S/N Enable/Execute Instrument Initialisation Clear Log Data Send Log Data in comma seperated form Query Data Log Status Enable/Disable the Display of Log full warning [T/F] Query/Set the Automatic Turn Off Timer Read PMT Voltage Enable/Disable Qd function Calibrate Qd to n Enable/disable RI Function Calibrate RI to n Zero adjust RI measurement Execute enabled measurements Query/Set Sequence ID Query/Set Time Turn instrument Off Query/Set Alarm for Low VBAT Query Battery voltage Query Voltage conditions

APPENDIX B

Status code interpretation

RI Status code interpretation:

	bit pattern	value	Description
Status Code:	00000001	1	Error in RI Result
Status Code:	00000010	2	Stray Light Warning
Status Code:	00000100	4	Log full Warning
Status Code:	00001000	8	Not defined
Status Code:	00010000	16	Low Battery Warning
Status Code:	00100000	32	High Zero signal Warning
Status Code:	01000000	64	High Signal with Lamp on Error
Status Code:	10000000	128	High Signal with Lamp off Error

Qd Status code interpretation:

	bit pattern	value	Description
Status Code:	00000001	1	Error in Qd Result
Status Code:	00000010	2	Stray Light Warning
Status Code:	00000100	4	Not defined
Status Code:	00001000	8	Not defined
Status Code:	00010000	16	Low Battery Warning
Status Code:	00100000	32	Not defined
Status Code:	01000000	64	High Signal with Lamp on Error
Status Code:	10000000	128	High Signal with Lamp off Error

E.g. Status code 18 is composed of Low Battery Warning (16) + Stray Light Warning (2)

APPENDIX C

Print outs

Result Printout

RL: 92.0 mcd/m ² /lx ID: DELTA No: 9 Mean Count: 2 2002 Aug 12 09:37:40 Log Number: 10 RI Status: 0 Instrument sn: xxxxxx	Qd: 195 mcd/m ² /lx ID: DELTA No: 6 2002 Aug 12 09:37:15 Log Number: 7 Qd Status: 0 Instrument sn: xxxxxx	RL: 91.7 mcd/m ² /lx Qd: 195.2 mcd/m ² /lx ID: DELTA No: 11 Mean Count: 2 2002 Aug 12 09:38:03 Log Number: 12 RI Status: 0 Qd Status: 0 Instrument sn: xxxxxx
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Examples of result printouts showing the measured values, the Measurement Id and the number of measurements with this id, the number of measurements used to calculate the mean value, the date and time the measurement was taken, the number of data in the data log, the measurement status and the instrument serial number.

Note that one or more of the shown data can be left out depending on the selected operation mode.

If the status is other than 0 then there was a special condition detected during the measurement and this will also be printed.

RI Calibration Printout

```
RI Calibration
Zero Signal: 2
RL Normal: 152 mcd/m2/lx
RL Factor: 1.9992
2004 Jan 08 13:39:37 Status: 0
Instrument sn: DEMO#1
```

The printout after a RI Calibration measurement showing the selected RI Normal value. The date and time for the calibration and the status for the measurement.

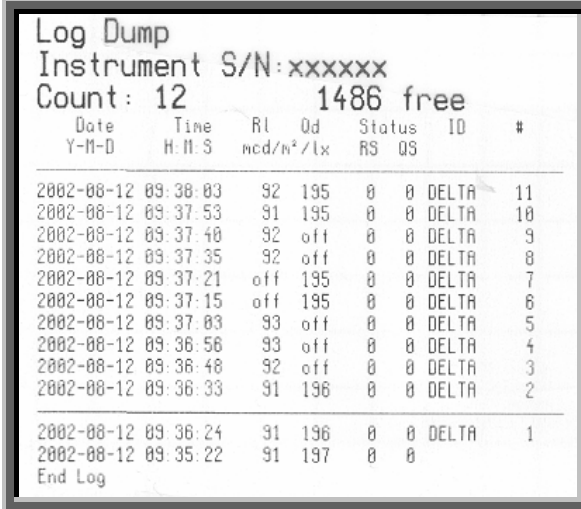
Qd Calibration Printout

```
Qd Calibration
Qd Normal: 275 mcd/m2/lx
Qd Factor: 0.3596
2004 Jan 08 13:48:47 Status: 0
Instrument sn: DEMO#1
```

The printout after a Qd Calibration measurement showing the selected Qd Normal value, the date and time for the calibration and the status for the measurement.

Note: The Calibration printout can only follow directly after a calibration with the  key.

Log Printout



```
Log Dump
Instrument S/N:xxxxxx
Count: 12      1486 free
  Date      Time      RI      Qd      Status   IO      #
  Y-M-D      H:M:S      mcd/n²/Lx  RS  QS
-----
2002-08-12 09:36:03  92  195  0  0  DELTA  11
2002-08-12 09:37:53  91  195  0  0  DELTA  10
2002-08-12 09:37:40  92  off  0  0  DELTA  9
2002-08-12 09:37:35  92  off  0  0  DELTA  8
2002-08-12 09:37:21  off  195  0  0  DELTA  7
2002-08-12 09:37:15  off  195  0  0  DELTA  6
2002-08-12 09:37:03  93  off  0  0  DELTA  5
2002-08-12 09:36:56  93  off  0  0  DELTA  4
2002-08-12 09:36:46  92  off  0  0  DELTA  3
2002-08-12 09:36:33  91  196  0  0  DELTA  2
-----
2002-08-12 09:36:24  91  196  0  0  DELTA  1
2002-08-12 09:35:22  91  197  0  0
End Log
```

Example of log printout from LTL2000SQ

The printout shows the instrument *s/n*, number of entries, number of free log entries, a data header and then all the data listed with the newest first, if one of the measurement modes has been disabled the result entry will show “off” for that measurement.

The printout is done from the *Menu system*.

Status Printout

Example of status printout. The printout is done from the *Menu* system.

2004 Jan 08 13:21:30	Date and time for printout
* Instrument Status *	
Zero Adjust : 2004 Jan 08 13:04:22 System Leak : 2 Dark Signal : 12 Offset Signal: 10	Zero adjust data
RI Calibrated: 2004 Jan 08 13:04:35 RI Normal : 152 mcd/m ² /lx RI Factor : 2.0047 Signal : 152 Leak : 0 Lamp On : 164 Lamp Off : 10	RI calibration data
RI Measured : 2004 Jan 08 13:21:15 Result : 0 Signal : 0 Leak Signal : 0	RI measurement data
Qd Calibrated: 2004 Jan 08 13:20:08 Qd Normal : 275 mcd/m ² /lx Qd Factor : 0.3596 Signal : 1530 Lamp On : 1539 Lamp Off : 10	Qd Calibration data
Qd Measured : 2004 Jan 08 13:21:12 Result : 274 Signal : 1523	Qd measurement data
Voltage Measurements Battery Ok : 12.33 volt Low Bat Alarm: 11.00 volt PMT voltage : 628 volt RI Lamp On : 12.00 volt Qd Lamp On : 12.15 volt VPMT Factor : 0.9627 VBat Factor : 0.0152	Voltage measurements
Log Status : 14 Data 1284 Free	Log status
No Errors or Warnings	Error info
Special Status Off timer : 300 sec. Log Full Warning: On Mean Calculation: Off Qd Measurement : On RI Measurement : On	Instrument info
FirmWare Info Retrometer LTL2000SQ v1.60 (c) 08-JAN-04 S/N: DEMO#1 DELTA Light & Optics DENMARK e-mail: opelec@delta.dk www.roadsensors.com tel: +45 45-888-333 fax: +45 45-870-810	Firmware info

APPENDIX C

SPECIFICATION

General Characteristics R₁

Illumination angle to the road	1.24°
Observation angle to the road.....	2.29°
Equivalent observer distance.....	30 m
Observation angular spread	±0.17°
Type 30m CEN	
Illumination angular spread horizontal	0.33°
Illumination angular spread vertical	0.17°
Field of measurement:	
Width	45 mm
Length (typ.)	200 mm
Min. reading ($\text{mcd}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{lx}^{-1}$)	0
Max. reading ($\text{mcd}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{lx}^{-1}$)	Typ. 2000
Profile height up to	4 mm (or 20 cm profile gap)

General Characteristics Qd

Illumination	Diffuse
Observation angle to the road.....	2.29°
Equivalent observer distance.....	30 m
Aperture angle.....	0.33°
Field of measurement:	
Width	45 mm
Length (typ.)	200 mm
Min. reading ($\text{mcd}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{lx}^{-1}$)	0
Max. reading ($\text{mcd}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{lx}^{-1}$)	318

Electrical Characteristics

EMC	EN 50081-1 EN 50082-1
Power supply:	
Battery.....	Build in 12 volt 3.5Ah sealed lead acid
External charger.....	100-240 V~/ 50-60 Hz
Charging time	approx. 8 hours 90% capacity after approx. 5 hours
Charger fuse (5*20 mm).....	T3.15A
Power supply fuse (5*20 mm).....	T3.15A
Data memory	>1000 measurements
Data retention (from purchase)	Typ. 5 years
Serial communication mode.....	9600,N,8,1
Data flow control.....	Xon/Xoff
Interface.....	RS 232

Environmental Characteristics

Temperature:	
Operating	0°C to + 45°C
Storage ^{*)}	-15°C to + 55°C
Humidity.....	Non condensing

^{*)} Battery must be fully charged

Mechanical Characteristics

Max. length.....	570 mm
Max. width	200 mm
Max. height.....	465 mm
Weight	approx. 11 kg
Shipping Weight.....	approx. 30 kg

Construction:

Housing	Aluminium
Keyboard.....	Plastic laminated
Circuit boards.....	Epoxy glass

Printer:

Thermal paper	width / dia. 57.5 mm / 31 mm
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